IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

) Art Unit: 2854

) Ex: D. Ghatt

In re Application

Geert Heyse et al

Appln. No.: 09/182,499

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: October 29, 1998

For

: REFILLABLE TAPE CASSETTE

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of October 1, 1999, and the further Office Action of May 17, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, line 8, between "which" and "supports" insert --acts as a holder by--, and change "supports" to --supporting--.

Page 18, line 21, between "lid" and "120" insert --or holder--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 24, 26, 28, 30-35, 37, 38, 43 and 46 as follows:

24. (Amended) A tape cassette for accommodating a supply of printable tape and suitable for being detachably loaded in a tape printing device, the tape cassette having: means for